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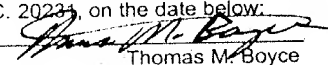
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME;  
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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action ("the Action") dated March 20, 2002, for which the three-month date for response was June 20, 2002. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to July 20, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and

authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10022802/TMB. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

#### **I. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month, to and including June 27, 2001, in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check including the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity. If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/10022802/TMB.

#### **II. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the present application. Applicants believe their request to be proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(b) because prosecution in the application is closed by the final Office Action of March 20, 2002. Applicants believe this request is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) because this request is filed prior to payment of any issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a), a check including the amount of \$370 is enclosed, which is the fee specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).